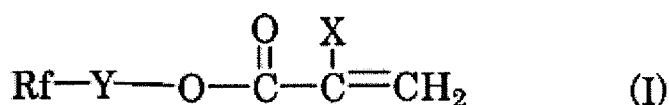


**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 2-3 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:**

The present invention provides a fluorine-containing polymer for masonry treatment, comprising:

(A) repeating units derived from a fluorine-containing monomer of the formula:



wherein X is a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom, an iodine atom, a  $\text{CFX}^1\text{X}^2$  group (in which  $\text{X}^1$  and  $\text{X}^2$  are each a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom or an iodine atom), a cyano group, a linear or branched fluoroalkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted benzyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group;

Y is an aliphatic group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an aromatic or cycloaliphatic group having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, a  $--\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{R}^1)\text{SO}_2--$  group (in which  $\text{R}^1$  is an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms) or a  $--\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OY}^1)\text{CH}_2--$  group (in which  $\text{Y}^1$  is a hydrogen atom or an acetyl group); and

Rf is a linear or branched fluoroalkyl or ~~fluoroalkenyl~~ fluoroalkenyl group having 1 to 21 carbon atoms, or a fluoroether group having totally 1 to 200 repeating units selected from the group consisting of the repeating units:  $-\text{C}_3\text{F}_6\text{O}-$ ,  $-\text{C}_2\text{F}_4\text{O}-$  and  $-\text{CF}_2\text{O}-$ , and

(B) repeating units derived from a monomer having a functional group reactive with active hydrogen.

**Please replace the third full paragraph on page 9 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:**

The amount of the monomer having a functional group reactive with hydrogen atom (B) may be from 0.01 parts to 50 parts by weight, from 0.1 parts to 20 parts by weight, based on 100 parts by weight of the fluorine-containing ~~polymer~~ monomer (A).